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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I submit to you, Sir, that when a reference is made to a certain paper, it is placed generally on the table of the House. In this case I made an attempt to get it here and I did not get it and if he refers me again on the floor of the House to go to the library and get the thing, it makes the answer practically of no value."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I am sorry, Sir. The *Fort St. George Gazette* is supplied free to all Members of the Legislative Council and therefore I think it unnecessary to place a copy on the table of the House."

Auction of toddy shops.

*94 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the toddy shops have been sold by auction this year and if not, how many remain unsold and in which districts;

(*b*) what is the amount realized by the sales in each district as compared with last year; and

(*c*) whether the Government anticipate any loss in the income from this source and if so, to what extent?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement is appended.[a]

11-45 a.m. Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the temporary closing of shops mentioned in the statement furnished in answer to this question and the loss anticipated in the current lease is the result of the propaganda carried on by the Committee?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"To some extent it may have contributed."

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"May I know whether there has been any reduction in the quantity of consumption?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"In the current year there has been reduction in the quantity of consumption."

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"It is due to the propaganda or to picketing?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"It is due to several causes of which this propaganda is supposed to be one."

Industries

Encouragement to handspun and handwoven cloth industry.

*95 *Q.*—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what practical steps the Government propose to take to encourage the cottage industry of handspun and handwoven cloth?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 280 infra.